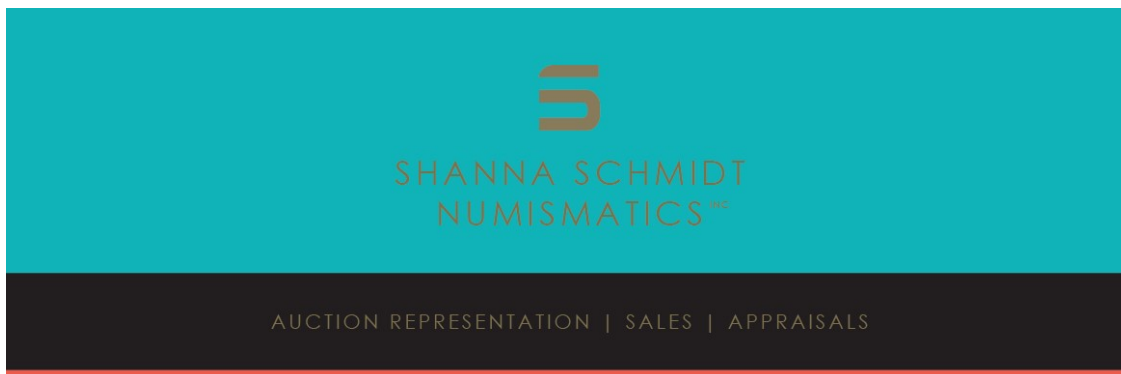


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Newsletter #64:

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My newsletter is a little late this week. Why you ask? Well, I thought I would spend a nice weekend in Minneapolis/St. Paul with my sister for her 30th birthday. It just so happens that this was the worst snowstorm on record in April in recorded history in Minnesota. There has been 20+ inches of snow! So aside from a lot of snow there are a lot of other things coming up this week.

Chicago Coin Expo Trade Show, Gemini and Heritage auctions (April 18-21)

The Chicago Coin Expo is finally here! The second annual Chicago Coin Expo is taking place on April 18-21 at the historic downtown Palmer House Hotel. I am setting up and will be at table 15 during the show and have my entire inventory for customers to view.

Gemini and Heritage will hold auctions during the show at the same location. I plan to view and attend these auctions so please get in touch if you need representation.

Gemini Numismatic Auctions (April 18 & 19)

Gemini has their 15th auction during the CCE and will auction off 695 coins. The majority of the pieces come from the Philip T. Ashton Collection. Mr. Ashton's coins are mid-level but interesting pieces. Gemini has reasonable estimates this time around so it might be worth checking out the auction. I am attending this auction and am available for representation.

Heritage (April 20 & 21)

Heritage has several auction sessions on April 20 and 21 in Chicago during the bourse. The first four sessions are live auctions and the fifth will be an online only sale. The

ancient portion of the auction will be during the second session for those interested. I will be viewing and attending this auction so get in touch if you need my help.

Bertolami Auction 44 (April 20)

Bertolami has their 44th live auction in London at the Bloomsbury Hotel. There are 588 lots that will be auctioned off. I am set up for bidding will be available for representation in this auction. Please see the auction on Sixbid or Numisbids.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/rr1054?rq=rr1054>

C. Vibius Varus. Rome, 42 BC

AR Denarius, 3.35g (18mm, 12h). Laureate head of Hercules r. / C-VIBIVS – VARVS
Minerva standing r., holding Victory and spear

Pedigree: From the collection of E.E. Clain-Stefanelli

Price: \$4,250

There is very little known of the Roman moneyer C. Vibius Varus, however the year in which he had money struck was a time of extreme turmoil in Rome. Caesar had been assassinated on the Ides of March and his adopted son Octavian (later Augustus) was determined to hunt down his killers who had fled, Brutus and Cassius. The second triumvirate had been formed, composed of Octavian, Mark Antony and Lepidus. Money was necessary to build and stabilize the troops not to mention show the strength of the new leadership.

This coin of Hercules struck under Varus is suggested to be an allusion to the then recently deceased Julius Caesar according to Crawford (p. 511 in his book RRC). The crown Hercules wears is suggested to be the crown of Alexander the Great. No small message during this tumultuous year.

This coin holds historical interest but equally is special for its metaphors back to the man Julius Caesar was believed to be, or at least was suggested by his admirers.

References: Babelon Vibia 23. Sydenham 1139. Sear Imperators 193. RBW 1740. Crawford 494/37

Grade: Rare. A portrait of enchanting beauty work of a very skilled master engraver, wonderful old cabinet tone and extremely fine
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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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